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Dear Jim,

You ask, "What do we do?" What does when do when the road is long and hard? Each decides for himself. I'm still going down it, every day, continuing what I have been doing all along, without thought about whether or not I can get or will be published. The needs are the same.

You are correct. From the first I've been for a Congressional investigation.

By the way, I have no reason to believe Boxley ever was CIA. And I believe the charge against Bethell is more than a list of witnesses.

Garrison probably is through. He is, however, quite right in saying the record of that trial is not understood. It is not at all, outside Shaw, what the papers represented. If it is much less than it could have been, it is also enormously more than reported.

The enclosures are interesting, often half-truths and all designed to deceive you. It is, in fact, the FBI, careful, usually, to use the Departmental rather than Bureau identification, that is responsible for most of what is suppressed.

The last two words of Thompson's letter are the best self-characterization yet. "Why care" indeed, if you are a serious writer with deep beliefs!

Sorry I've no time for more. Best regards and have a good year.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg